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Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated April 18, 2002 for which a three-month period for response was given making this response due on or before July 18, 2002. A Petition for a Three Month Extension of Time is filed herewith, making this amendment due on or before October 18, 2002.

In view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks put forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested. A clean copy of the amended claims appears below with the amended version attached on a document marked "VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE." Applicants note that those claims not amended herein are being reiterated solely for the convenience of the Examiner.

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Please replace Figures 1 and 4-8 with the amended Figures 1, 4, 5A-5D, 6A-6D, 7A-7D, and 8A-8D as indicated in the Request for Approval of Proposed Drawing Amendment submitted herewith.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Delete pages 20-28 of the specification (the Sequence Listing). Kenumber pages 29-33 as pages 20-24.